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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED FOREIGN
RESEARCH GRANT - KATHLEEN BLOOM

REF: OTTAWA 3985, STATE A-8671

1. IN ANTICIPATION POSSIBLE QUESTIONS THIS TYPE
PROJECT, LENGTHY AND DETAILED RESEARCH PROTOCOL SENT
WITH REPAIR. HOWEVER WE ASSUME IT BECAME DETACHED IN
PROCESSING. DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW OF PROTOCOL NOTED
CAREFUL EXPOSITION OF METHODOLOGY, INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES,
CONSENT, ETC., ALL OF WHICH HAVE MET HEW STANDARDS. WILL
POUCH COPY TO SCIATT ASAP.

2. RE EMBASSY PROBLEM WITH ASSESSMENT TIME-FRAME,
REALIZE UNDER SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THIS MAY BE TIGHT AND
WE WELCOME REQUEST FOR MORE TIME. IN VIEW OF LONG-
STANDING PROCEDURE WHICH BY AND LARGE HAS WORKED WELL
WORLDWIDE FOR GREAT MAJORITY OF BIOMEDICAL PROPOSALS,
WE PREFER TO HANDLE OCCASIONAL EXCEPTION AS THIS
REQUIRING MORE TIME ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. TOTAL
CLEARANCE PROCESS, INCLUDING INTERNAL HEW AND DEPARTMENT
TIME, ALREADY CONSUMES ABOUT 6 WEEKS AND WE DO NOT WISH
DELAY AWARDDING UNITS UNNECESSARILY FOR BULK OF PROPOSALS.

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3. WE HAVE NO SUGGESTION ON SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE TO AIRGRAM TRANSMITTAL AS OFFICIAL MECHANISM. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY FEELS IT NEEDS LONGER TIME AS MATTER OF ROUTINE, PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD DESIRED AND WILL INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN PROPOSALS. IN ANY EVENT WE APPRECIATE CARE BEING EXERCISED BY EMBASSY IN ITS REVIEWS. KISSINGER

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